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Davin's Drive Grows in 2023

By Mick Colageo

Davin Alves won't be looking to repeat his 2022 holiday food-donation fundraiser, he has decided to take it to another level with Davin's 2nd Annual Holiday Food Drive.

A year after launching a raffle with a goal of 50 donations to buy food he would donate to the United Way of New Bedford and then seeing a much greater response than he planned on, the Sippican Elementary School fifth grader is thinking bigger in 2023.

On Black Friday, November 24, Davin sent 100 letters out to area businesses to let them know what he has in mind.

"I mean, after I did it that year, I kind of wanted to do it a lot next year because I just thought it'd be a good idea," said Davin, whose sudden rush of response last year was not what propelled his interest in making this an annual effort. "I kind of wanted to do this all the time for the holidays."

His mother Kathylee says the Alves family, originally from New Bedford, has been in Marion for five years now so this year, Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham and the Marion Food Pantry will join the United Way of New Bedford as recipients of food purchased with the proceeds from Davin's effort.

Last year, Davin raised nearly $1,000 in donations. This year he anticipates more, and that means

Davin's sister Ella, soon to turn 10, was among the local Girls Scouts who participated in food donations at the General Store.

Meantime, Davin has been laying the groundwork for his second season of collecting donations.

"I probably have to start making copies of things. I have to sort all five of these papers out," said Davin, explaining the explanatory package that area businesses are receiving. "The first one was, like, me writing stuff. The second was about the front picture, the third and fourth one was about the story, and the fifth one was just about my mom's idea thing…"

The project has also piqued the interest of Davin's classmates.

"Definitely. They're kind of like asking me, 'How can I donate?' I just tell them I'm going to start making fliers, and I'm putting them around the school so you know," he explained.

David says Sippican Elementary School faculty has been supportive, especially Ella's third-grade teacher Mary Jayne Couet and Principal Marla Brown.

Davin is changing up some of the raffle prizes this year to spark more interest.

"I did a raffle because I thought it would be good because a lot more people would donate to that," he said.

To donate an item or a gift card to be raffled off, please contact Kathylee Alves by December 1 at 508-951-8272 or via email to Brinx1@verizon.net, via mail to 625 Delano Road, Marion, MA 02738, or via Facebook @Kathylee Alves.

To see all raffle items, visit Kathylee Alves' Facebook page on or after December 3. To purchase raffle tickets or make a cash donation, go to Venmo @Kathylee-8-12; 100% of all money raised will go to purchase food for those in need at United Way of Greater New Bedford, Marion Food Pantry and Damien's Place Food Pantry.

The live raffle drawing will be held on Kathylee Alves' Facebook page on December 17 at 6:00 pm.

On the Cover: *A gaze across Goldovitz Bog in Marion, where sky-high phragmites are split down the middle by a small stream of water. Visitors to the trails that run along this and adjacent Sippican Lands Trust properties were sparse on Sunday afternoon, but the forest and the late-autumn air were inviting. Photo by Mick Colageo*

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Mystery Writers Share Secrets

By Marilou Newell

A fun and fascinating hour was had at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library when four mystery writers from the southeast region converged. Dubbed the Sisters in Crime, Sharon Healy-Yang, Sharon Ward, Maureen Boyle and Stephen Rogers led the audience through a process of building a mystery story. Not that it is the actual process they use, but more an entertaining game of "who done it and why," using one's imagination.

Each of the featured authors has their own unique style when developing their plots. Healy-Yang places her characters in the 1940s and even came dressed in vintage style clothing. Her featured main character is Jessica Minton. Sharon Ward's main character is Finn Fleming, a scuba expert whose plots keep finding death and drama in underwater spaces. Rogers not only writes mysteries in the short-story form but is a poet as well. And then there is Boyle, who writes about true crime, stories she has heavily researched and of which, "I always know how the story ends," she quipped.

After the introductions, the authors took the audience on a journey exploring possible story lines, character development and even murder weapons.

The audience was invited to provide character names, story locations, motives and what time setting should be used. The audience offered such diverse responses as Prince Harry (he started out in the 21st century but ended up in medieval times.) There was also a Vosco and a Jean Paul who ended up being an undercover police officer. Locations offered by the audience included Hiller Farm, a hunting lodge and/or London Bridge. Not surprisingly, a small seaside village was also offered up. Motive became the age-old infidelity.

Time travel was layered in adding new intrigues and allowing for Prince Harry to stay in the past, while other

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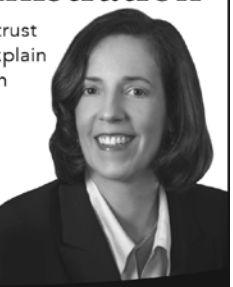

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characters were busy solving a modern-day mystery. By the time they were closing in on who did what and why, the authors and audience had at least 10 characters moving through the pages in their mind.

Somehow a pumpkin became the place where important ancient manuscripts were hidden in the medieval times, but the authors and audience modified that bit to a pumpkin painting behind which the documents were hidden.

The authors, in real life, approach their craft in different ways. Boyle, for instance, has to rely on in-depth research of real crimes that have taken place, while Healy-Yang noted, "we go where the characters take us."

Rogers said he was a plotter when it came to writing, and that might be necessary in keeping the short-story form tight, not letting it run amok.

Ward, a certified diving instructor, has taught diving for many years. With years of experience under her weight belt, she is at no loss to create underwater crime locations and the story surrounding them. She said she had nearly 15 storylines in the cue, just waiting for their time to come.

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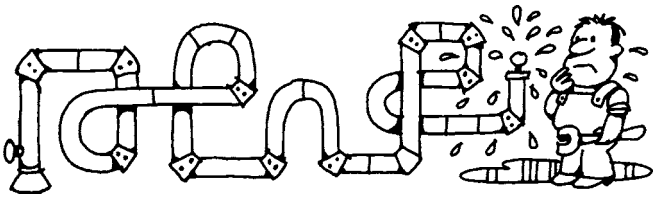

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Holiday Cheer Comes Full Circle

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

She had ordered two pies from the Cushman Bakery, a home delivery service that came once a week bringing pastries and breads I can still vividly remember. Pulling up to Ma's kitchen door, the uniformed driver didn't want to hand two pies to a little squirt.

"Go get you mommy, little girl," he said with a jolly chuckle.

I can't remember this gentleman's name, but I clearly remember the delicious, yeasty aroma that oozed out into the surrounding atmosphere. I could have happily eaten the air around me.

It was Christmastime. The pumpkin and mincemeat pies, along with plum pudding (from a can of course), would be the finale of this day. It was the 1950s, and women were embracing all modern conveniences when it came to cooking, including home delivery of bakery goodies.

Ma could have made pies from scratch. She had all the tools, including a meat grinder. She knew the techniques. But with so many other chores waiting for her attention, she could trust that the Cushman pies would be appreciated possibly more than any effort on her part. And it was a time to learn kitchen skills.

I learned how to peel potatoes and carrots, using old kitchen utensils and watching my mother's hands in action. It was important that the blade be positioned just under the potato skin to ensure that the white flesh wasn't cut away. The carrot peeler was very old, but the thin blades perfectly removed the carrot peels. Lessons in cutting the vegetables into mouth-sized pieces would come in later years.

Five pounds of potatoes, two pounds of carrots, half a gallon of gravy, two cans of cranberry sauce and those pies, it was hard to contain my excited, tiny body. There would be leftovers from our traditional meal of turkey and gravy with all the fixings. Yes, there had been a few gifts, new PJ's, new socks, a stocking filled with fruits and nuts. Better than the Thanksgiving Day meal, the Christmas Day feast outshone

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all that.

Although my mother had a sister living very close by and a brother in the neighboring town, their large families precluded them from visiting. No one had a car large enough to hold those tribe members. Nor were we invited to their holiday feasts.

Whatever the reason, the three siblings never shared a holiday meal together. A cousin had said of those times that their branch was struggling to feed their family of eight, so that's why invitations were never forthcoming. As for my mother, she never opened her doors either except to a bachelor brother. Thus, our Christmas was a quiet affair.

When I moved to Mattapoisett with my new husband 32 years ago, we opened our doors to everyone. He had come from a tradition of large, family gatherings, and I longed for them. Shoulder to shoulder, we cleaned the house and decorated the place. I planned grocery lists, and he shopped. I cooked; he washed the dishes.

Platters of food would be set out buffet style, while my son played the piano in the background, a medley of old-time carols. It would take two days to clean up afterwards,

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but we didn't care. He enjoyed the family gatherings, and I was in my hosting glory.

In those years when my parents were still here, they loved coming over to participate in a holiday feast, seeing grandchildren and hugging everyone in sight. Those gatherings brought a lot of joy to a lot of people, including me.

Things have come full circle. We no longer labor over holiday house cleaning, we no longer decorate the place or cook massive bowls of mashed potatoes and gallons of gravy, leaving the door wide open to all. We are now invited to our son's home, bringing along a platter of deviled eggs and a baking dish filled with my popular stuffing. We are the old folks, sitting side by side on the sofa, thumbing through

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School Mascots … Indians, Devils and Bulldogs

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

As you drive by Old Rochester High School, you will see a flashing sign that says, "Home of the Bulldogs."

The Bulldog has been the nickname of the school for 62 years, over a half a century. Hard to believe for an old fella like me who graduated in the third class. The origin of the nickname is a great story and one worth repeating, so I will.

Charles Jefferson, a standout member of the first ORR football team, was the inspiration for the name. Coach Frank Almeida, who heard someone in the crowd say Charlie "played like a bulldog" for his fearless play, suggested the team adopt the nickname "Bulldogs." And so a nickname was born, soon to be followed by a real, live bulldog mascot named "Trouble."

Coach Almeida confirmed the story years later. Soon after that first year, I was called upon to paint the original Bulldog logo on the center circle of the gymnasium floor. I was rewarded with a "lifetime" pass to all ORR athletic events. The pass was lost long ago, but I'm still here. (Hmmm ... wonder if it still is valid?)

The ORR community is lucky to have a mascot which has existed without controversy for so long. This is not always the case. Not long-ago, nearby Dartmouth had their own dispute over their Indian mascot. After a four-year-long debate, their school board voted to keep the "Chief" logo. It is estimated that until recently there were over 300 high schools in the U.S. and Canada with indigenous-imagery-inspired mascots. I taught at two of them.

No one ever considered the head-dressed Chief's profile at Grafton High School anything but distinguished. It never occurred to anyone that the school's logo was racist. Of course, there weren't any Native Americans in the school. We didn't have any students costumed as feathered warriors or painted cheerleaders doing the "tomahawk chop" at football games. The consensus was that the school was honoring the Native Americans who founded the town. Still, I recalled that the school's student newspaper was the "War Path," and the Superintendent's monthly newsletter was called "Smoke Signals."

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At my next teaching assignment, the school's nickname was the "Tomahawks." In 2021, it became clear that it was time to retire the name, and the letter "T" became the school's temporary logo. After 10 months, the students voted to become the "Titans."

Sometimes a nickname change is in order just to avoid controversy. Natick High School changed its nickname from "Redmen," even though the term originally referred to the football team's red jerseys (not Native Americans), to "Redhawks." To the best of my knowledge, no hawks protested.

The concern over school mascots is not new. Fairhaven High had their own issue many years ago when a group of parents protested the nickname "Blue Devils." They were concerned that the school was advocating devil worship. Suffice it to say, the Blue Devils are alive and well to this day. Some schools have mascots that would surely create controversy in today's "woke" world, yet they carry on.

As far as school mascots go, panthers, bears, bulldogs and other innocent animals seem to be popular. Even devils seem pretty innocuous compared to one high school in Idaho. Orofino High School are the "Maniacs." The mascot is a maniac in a straitjacket. Orofino is near the state mental hospital.

A number of local, mental-health support groups protested the name, but the school board voted to retain the mascot because it had "nothing to do with the hospital," rather it was chosen because fans at a football game many years ago said the team played like maniacs. (They should have played like bulldogs.) Supporters claim the crazed, electric haired, jumping mascot is merely a fan. Oh sure.

Richland (Washington) High School claims the "Bombers" and proudly sports a mushroom cloud on their athletic jerseys. The nickname honors the Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress," which dropped more bombs during World War II than any other aircraft. You can't make this up.

Yuma (Arizona) High School are the "Criminals." Soon after its founding, it moved to the abandoned Yuma Territorial Prison, where classes were taught in the cell-block area, and assemblies were held in the prison hospital. They beat the Phoenix football team, who naturally claimed Yuma

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"stole" the game. The school store is named the "Cell Block" – or is it the "Sell Block" – I forget.

And finally, there is the Freeport (Illinois) High School "Pretzels." The legend is that the school board members were sitting around one day drinking beer and eating pretzels and "Walla!" a new nickname was born.

Go Bulldogs!

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on …." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Tough Break on Sewer Bill

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Select Board denied two requests for sewer abatements, one of those cases especially painful given its five-figure, bottom line.

Frederick Mock will have to pay his $11,133.56 sewer bill, despite not being present when approximately 30,000 gallons of water went through his sprinkler system at 5 Moorings Road while he was away.

Department of Public Works Director Becky Tilden, who recommended against issuing the abatement based on established billing practices, reported to the Select Board that the owner of the private sewer system had not received an occupancy permit until after the billing period. The meter, said Tilden, was installed on July 6 and despite an initial glitch that was rectified the next day, was operable through the billing period.

Select Board member Norm Hills compared the 30,000 gallons of water to what would be held by 3½ tanker trucks.

"I'm surprised it didn't wash away," he said, explaining to Chairman Toby Burr that even without an occupancy permit, "they still owned the property. Whether they were there or not, the meter was still running."

Burr was admittedly torn on the matter. "We know it didn't go into the sewer," he said.

Tilden said an abatement would only have precedence if the inflated bill was due to a leak outside the dwelling, and that would be a partial sewer abatement only if the property owner showed proof that it was a leak. An example would be irrigation but not a faulty toilet.

Select Board member Randy Parker conducted several electrical inspections on behalf of Marion's Building Department. He said it is a brand-new house with nobody in the house.

"I'd like to do something, but I don't know how," he said.

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Town Administrator Geoff Gorman relayed from Marion's legal counsel that there is support on either side of the argument.

"I would think that volume or property certainly didn't go through the sewer," said Parker, who admittedly gained familiarity with the project while on five or six electrical inspections. "I want to do the right thing. I just want to be fair with everyone. … It's too bad we don't have some sort of a mechanism. There's not that much we can do about it unfortunately."

Hills articulated concern against setting a precedent. He further suggested that the owner should be "really upset" with the people running the sprinkler. "We weren't in drought," he noted.

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The vote denying the abatement was unanimous.

Parker recused himself from the discussion and vote on the $516.12 sewer-abatement request made at 460 Front Street by property owner George Linzee.

Tilden once again explained her recommendation against approving an abatement. She explained a billing anomaly based on estimated bills from two prior quarters.

"I believe that the bill was due to the two estimated bills (based on the previous three quarters, one of which under prior ownership), and this one is a catch-up," said Tilden. "I did say I'd bring it forward. … I don't recommend (approving an abatement) because we would need a reason. Tilden further explained that consumption was running high on both meters, the one in place and the one that replaced it to test.

The board held a shorter meeting on November 21.

Among the board's actions was the approval of a Water/Sewer commitment for $3,332.27 (final readings November 13.)

Gorman was excited to promote the Old Rochester Regional Unified Basketball Team's fundraiser game against Tri-Town Police and Fire personnel, which was to follow the meeting at the high school gym.

Other events coming up include the Senior Dinner scheduled for Saturday, December 2, at 12:00 pm at the Cushing Community Center. Prior registration was required, as was the case for the Marion Police Brotherhood's "Pizza with Santa" event on Sunday, December 3, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, also at the community center.

At both events, new, unwrapped toy donations will be accepted for the annual "Fill a Cruiser" drive.

In other actions made on Tuesday, the Select Board approved the Beverly Yacht Club's request for a change of officers and postponed the appointment of a police officer at Chief Richard Nighelli's request. The matter will be taken up at the board's December 19 meeting.

The board closed the public session of Tuesday's meeting and entered executive session to strategize for negotiations nonunion personnel in the Marion Fire Department and the harbormaster and also with respect to litigation with Marion Golf Club.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, at 5:00 pm at the Cushing Community Center, where the Board of Assessors will also appear for the town's annual tax-classification public hearing. Immediately following the meeting will be the town employees' holiday party.

Featherbed Solar Project Extended to 2027

Rochester's Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Some solar projects take a lot longer to complete than others. Rochester's Conservation Commission on November 21 approved a request to extend the Order of Conditions for the Featherbed Lane South Solar project at 0 Featherbed Lane for three years, until February of 2027.

Appearing before the board on Zoom, the petitioner's engineering consultant, Carolyn Booth, explained the developer is working on acquiring funding for required

upgrades to the parcel's infrastructure, and that is why they need that much time to complete the Order of Conditions the ConCom has imposed on the project. With little discussion, the board approved what will be an extension until February 4, 2027.

In March, the project developers told the Planning Board that Eversource has given them three years to complete the upgrades necessary to accept the additional power expected to be generated by the solar installation.

The commission then approved a Certificate of Compliance for the construction of a single-family home with sewerage disposal system, utilities, site clearing and grading at 8 Gerrish Road close to a wetland bog.

No one representing the petitioners was present at the meeting, in which commission member Ben Bailey added the condition that the property owners, Jesper and Jennifer Ingerslev, keep the lawn in front of the bog properly mowed under an ongoing Order of Conditions. The board agreed to add this condition and will respond if the Ingerslevs object to it.

Next, the board continued two hearings in response to the petitioners' requests to do so until January 16. One is for a Notice of Intent to build a 15-acre, self-storage facility at Kings Highway and Route 28 that will feature the construction of seven self-storage buildings located within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone.

The other is BWC Snows Pond LLC's Notice of Intent plan to build a solar array on 12.55 acres of a 31-acre parcel at 0 Cushman Road. Both petitioners requested a continuance until December 19. The commission, however, reasoned it may not meet on that date.

The Rochester Conservation Commission scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Old Water Building to Be Demolished

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The November 27 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission found Chairman Mike King explaining what the commission's role is in the Notice of Intent application filed by Allan Pineda and Mary Manning, 33 Church Street. The former Water Department building nestled in the heart of the village was sold to Pineda and Manning, who have plans to demolish the existing, single-story structure and construct a two-story residence.

During the project's initial review by the ZBA earlier in November, the board sent the project back to conservation before opening the filing. Present at that meeting, an abutter represented by Attorney Perry listed a number of reasons why the sale was improperly executed by the town. ZBA Chairman Susan Akin said those matters would be addressed at the ZBA's December meeting.

King said that state regulations require the commission to review the project to determine if it has any jurisdiction. After a review of the NOI application represented by Andy Stackpole of Field Engineering, the commissioners ruled that the project met the Wetlands Protection Act and the performance standards as noted by FEMA.

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The project was conditioned with a few special conditions, including the removal of demolished waste from the property versus stockpiling on the site, a designated washout space for concrete and a visible fencing of the site. The project is now slated to return to the ZBA, which will make the determination of the Special Permit and Variance application pending.

When asked by abutter T.J. Bolger of 31 Church Street if the lot is buildable, King said the commission is charged with upholding the Wetlands Protection Act, not zoning issues. But, "if someone spends the money – a lot of old lots become buildable – a person has a right to protect their investment," he added.

In other business, a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Philip and Gaynor Frost, 112 Mattapoisett Neck Road, for verification of wetland types and boundaries, received a Negative Box 1 decision. Also receiving a negative decision was a RDA filed by the Mattapoisett Highway Department for drainage work along Fairhaven Road to Acushnet Road.

A NOI filed by Jay Dupont, 12 Old Mattapoisett Neck Road, for septic upgrades, was continued to December 11, pending state Department of Environmental Protection numbering.

Stephen Schwartz, 48A Shore Drive, received conditioning for a NOI requesting approval to repair an existing stone jetty.

Two Certificates of Compliance were issued to David Meeker, 93 Mattapoisett Neck Road, and, David and Mary Wilson, 15 Fieldstone Road.

The commission discussed the need to change approximately half of the 2024 meeting schedule from Mondays to Tuesdays, allowing for environmental agent Brandon Faneuf's new schedule. The agent will be assisting another community.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 11, at 6:30 pm.

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ZBA Seeks Counsel on Heron Cove

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

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Zoning Board of Appeals after receiving a November 7 letter from Mark Bobrowski, developer Ken Steen's attorney, seeking relief for his client from a previously agreed upon timeline stipulating that certain fees are due within 10 days of the issuance of the first building permit for the construction of Heron Cove Estates.

At a prior meeting with Steen and Town Administrator Geoff Gorman, ZBA Chairperson Cynthia Callow asked Steen to verify his request that the town henceforth regard those timelines as insubstantial as opposed to substantial. Callow reported that Gorman was concerned that Steen was scheming to avoid paying sewer installation fees but believes the developer is merely looking to defer those payments.

Callow read from Bobrowski's letter, "We are not

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looking or expecting any of the fees to be waived. We will be paying the total amount of fees previously agreed to. (Those include) $590,000 for the (infiltration and inflow sewer-related treatment), $410,000 for (sewer) connection, and up to, not to exceed $110,000 as a contribution toward the replacement of the Creek Road (pump) station. We are simply requesting the timing of the payments be adjusted pursuant of the former requests."

Callow then turned to the ZBA membership, suggesting the involvement of Town Counsel. She suggested that with a tweak requiring that permit fees be waived until the beginning of the laying of a foundation, "I think everybody would be in agreement with that, and I think that we could go forward with the project."

Not everyone agreed.

Tucker Burr articulated concern that Steen could put himself in a position to drag things out, but Callow reminded him that the ZBA set a five-year limit on construction, a year of which has been eaten up without any activity on the site.

Burr thinks it could handcuff the town by releasing the leverages it presently has with the requirements of the agreement on payments 10 days after the issuance of permits.

"I think that he has no intention of ever building the sewer. I think the only way that sewer line's ever getting built is if Matt Zuker builds it," said Burr.

Callow did not hesitate to disagree. "Matt Zuker hasn't done anything either," she said.

"I think what winds up happening is they get into a game of chicken, and it just never gets built," said Burr. "I think they're both going to be in this game of chicken, and what's going to happen is Marion is going to end up with this 40B development that we're going to be obligated to always support and have absolutely no strings to pull on. Then we're going to eventually get below the 8% (affordable housing), we're still going to be obligated to let him build it, and other people are going to be able to come in over the next five years and apply for a 40B."

The present agreement obligates the developer to install a sewer line to serve the project along the northern portion of Route 6, Wareham Road, to Hill Street. Said sewer line is to be designed and installed in accordance with all rules, regulations and policy as approved by the Marion Water & Sewer Commissioners (the Select Board.) Construction and installation is a condition precedent (antecedent) to the issuance of a building permit. (Callow noted that this condition was not part of the original agreement.)

Within 10 days following the receipt of a single or combination of building permits, the applicant shall pay the town $590,000 for the town's use for improving the I/I into the town's wastewater treatment work.

In the same time frame, the agreement obligates Steen to pay the town 10% of the bid cost to repair and replace the Creek Road Pump Station up to a maximum payment of $110,000, the same deemed a critical component of the town's sewer system.

In the same time frame, Steen is to pay the town $410,000 for connection to the town's wastewater treatment

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Callow's interpretation of Steen's request is that he wanted to pull a building permit without being required to pay these fees within the next 10 days. "That's my understanding," she said.

Callow stuck to her optimism that Steen intends to build his affordable-housing development.

"I do not believe they are stalling tactics," said Callow. "I think it has to do with economy, I think it has to do with he's a businessman." Callow acknowledged that Zuker's delay most likely factors in Steen's.

Callow's understanding of the overall plan is that Steen and Zuker are obligated to split the costs of sewer upgrades in keeping with their agreements with the town, but she feels as though, right when they should be meeting to work things out, they go away from each other.

Callow told the membership that Gorman has granted her permission to discuss the matter directly with Town Counsel. She encouraged the board to submit questions.

Citing past losses in legal battles with Steen over "substantial versus insubstantial" changes, Callow advised the board not to make that a battlefield for the town.

"We're treading on thin ice here, and we're all trying to do the right thing by the town. I think he intends to build it, I just do. He's never given me a reason (to doubt)," said Callow, emphasizing due diligence at this point. "That is my plan going forward."

Select Board member Randy Parker, in attendance, was given the floor, and said he has gone through the agreement "thoroughly" and discussed the issues with Gorman and Grillo.

"I'm agreeable to it. I think it's a cash-flow thing," said Parker. "I think the price of money is expensive, and quite frankly for him to get going on this and spend all that money up front have to pay interest … is expensive. I find him to be sincere."

Parker admitted to prior confusion over the issue of Steen paying for permits but insisted the rest of the matter is about cashflow.

Callow agreed.

Grillo suggested tweaks to the latter to be submitted to legal counsel for feedback, stating that the permits shall be issued without any "initial fees." He also suggested the addition of a sentence stipulating that "all building permit fees to be paid in full prior to the start of foundation for each individual unit."

Because Steen will have a separate building permit for each unit, Grillo said Steen should not have to pay for all the permits at once.

In the end, all members present supported the action.

After a continued public hearing, applicants Eric Winer and Nancy Borstelmann were voted a Special Permit allowing the extension of an existing, nonconforming, side-yard setback at 18 West Avenue.

"What we're doing is extending an existing nonconformity on the north, gable end of the structure," said Representative Henry Bobeck, noting a detached garage with a living space.

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Callow thanked the applicants for agreeing to continue the case due to the lack of membership available to hear the case.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled upon adjournment.

EMC Pushing for Solar atop Police Station

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Mick Colageo

A not-your-everyday feature on Monday's Marion Energy Management Committee agenda was the Town Administrator's Energy Reduction Plan.

Only without agenda author Christian Ingerslev – the chairman was away and unable to attend the November 27 meeting – the committee was at a loss to define the item. However, rather than bypass it, a lively banter ensued as to whether this might mean the Energy Reduction Plan submitted to the state when the Town of Marion first joined Green Communities or a new one to be composed now that Marion has reached the state-prescribed, 20% energy-reduction goal.

"We have gone from top to bottom with just a few exceptions that didn't seem like the right thing to do, and we've done new (initiatives) … We're eligible for more grant money," said EMC member Bill Saltonstall, further noting that he and Marion Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier recently met with Energy Source to discuss the utility company's involvement in energy upgrades to the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Those will include heat pumps and new computer/operating systems. "I expect them to write a proposal similar to the one in the (original) paperwork."

Saltonstall reported that Cormier would also like to install heat pumps at the Police Department instead of gas heat. "I expect they will come up with a request for money for that," he said.

The committee also revisited solar projects, but

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Saltonstall said there is no grant money forthcoming for those. He expects Energy Source to write up information on the projects that would be eligible for grant funding over the next three or four months.

EMC member Eileen Marum asked if the town administrator is thinking about going through buildings the town has renovated in order to "get them tighter." She also identified the Town House elevator and shaft as energy-leaking areas.

"Whenever Shaun's got time, they're taking on another room or two (in the Town House) for interior modifications … right now, most of the rooms in the building are uninsulated," said Saltonstall, estimating that the town paid between $300,000 and $400,000 for window work at the Town House. "I think it's a lot better than it was."

EMC member Alanna Nelson, presiding over the meeting in Ingerslev's absence, said that an endowment to the Music Hall paid for an audit of that building's energy profile performed by DG Services. She said they produced a good idea of what an energy-reduction plan should look like.

The Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) is representing Marion in negotiations to establish the long-planned, capped-landfill, solar project at Benson Brook, but the EMC membership that has worked so long in trying to make this happen is ironically sitting outside the information highway where it concerns hard financial figures for a power-purchase agreement on a lease program and the project's current status.

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operations center, Saltonstall, whose son Will Saltonstall is the lead designer of the new approved for Benson Brook, told the committee that while he has heard a little about the project, he thinks "they're still haggling out budget problems."

The EMC would dearly love to see a solar array on the new DPW's roof, and the designed is meant to make that possible. Solar, however, is not in the construction budget and is not funded via the state's Green Communities program.

DPW funding was approved in a May 9, 2022, vote to authorize the town to borrow $3,000,000 toward a $4,500,000, three-building headquarters that would include repair bays and office space in one building, covered parking in another and the salt shed in a third. That plan has since been consolidated to one building for operations and storage and a second structure for the salt shed.

According to Saltonstall, solar projects below a 15kw capacity, which includes most single-family homes, move with far greater ease through the bureaucratic process and get a grid connection. Therefore, the EMC has directed its attention toward smaller projects first, and the best of those is the Police Department building off Route 6 across from Benson Brook Road.

Police headquarters was described as "a nice, clean building" with ample "dead space" that would make a solar array "easy to wire" and with "enough roof space to go up to (the 15kw) limit."

The committee is still looking at the Cushing Community Center roof and obviously, the DPW roof, as places for solar panels.

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"PowerOptions wanted to make a proposal on all of these things … I'd love to see some proposals, but the first one is the Police Department," said Saltonstall. "How much further we can go, I don't know. We're going to have to get a lease agreement."

Saltonstall is working with EMC member Tom Friedman on the lease agreement, and Nelson agreed that the Police Department "is the hot spot."

Nelson senses more progress with CVEC than Saltonstall has had with PowerOptions and Friedman with Blue Skies. The members want meetings and information that would inform their next steps.

Nelson said the town would give the CVEC a list of Marion projects and dimensions, and in turn the CVEC would come up with estimates so Marion could put work into producing bid documents.

"Because interconnection pricing is already taken care of, they should be ready to roll," said Nelson, who added that the costs are frequently absorbed by the CVEC before it rolls around and comes back to the town. The immediate objective is to learn what the town would have to pay and when. When Nelson acquires that information, she will report back to the EMC.

As for the solar array at the Benson Brook landfill, remaining delays can be traced to lease agreements. Nelson and Saltonstall agree that for the town to approve a lease agreement, the committee needs to know more information. The town is waiting on others.

What the committee would really like is for Maria Marasco of CVEC, Lisa Sullivan of Green Communities and Town Administrator Geoff Gorman to meet with the committee and help the members tie up loose ends.

"We used to have people come all the time. I think we should overtly invite them," said EMC member Jennifer Francis, attending the meeting remotely.

Friedman suggested that this may extend beyond draggy processes but include pullbacks and attempts to renegotiate.

"I wouldn't be surprised if this is falling into that same black hole as offshore wind … approved by the state at a certain rate, then withdrawn as unacceptable because of the perception that they can do better," he said.

Saltonstall said it has become easier to track the status of township vehicles because the vehicle identification number for every registered vehicle has become more accessible. Even if a vehicle is moved to another department, it has to be more energy-efficient than the one it replaces.

Saltonstall told the committee he was ready to give the Green Communities report by Tuesday, the day after the EMC's public meeting. Friedman suggested linking to the report via the committee's page on marionma.gov and said he would inquire on the matter with Town Clerk Lissa Magauran.

The committee will hear from Arnie Johnson, the proprietor of the Fieldstone store on Route 6. Johnson will attend the EMC's January 22 meeting and talk about his expansion plan. Marum suggested that Ingerslev, Saltonstall, Friedman and Francis can make recommendations, given they all have solar panels on their houses.

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

Bulldogs Share Division Crown

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School football team traveled to Lakeville and battled before falling to Apponequet, 36-21, on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. The Bulldogs finished their season 5-6 and shared the South Coast Conference's Blue Division championship with Somerset Berkley.

"Still a good accomplishment for this senior group," was how ORR Head Coach Bryce Guilbeault described the season.

The Bulldogs were down 20-7 at halftime and were coming back before a late turnover derailed their run late in the fourth quarter. Remy Wilson had a touchdown reception from Gavin Martin. Martin and Mateo Pina both scored rushing touchdowns.

"(I'm) thankful for the seniors and all they have given us over the past four years," said Guilbeault, who also had some words on the future of the team. "We are looking forward to a great offseason and getting back to our winning ways in 2024. Roll Dogs!"

Unified Hoop Completes Perfect Campaign

ORR's Unified basketball team defeated the Tri-Town Police and Fire team, 67-46, in a thriller on November 21 at the ORRHS gym. The event raised funds for Unified sports.

"This event was a huge success that I am so fortunate our department can be a part of it," said Marion Police Chief Richard Nighelli. "I challenge anyone to come to this event and not leave with a smile on your face. The Unified Team has fun and plays tough. There is a reason that they are undefeated this year."

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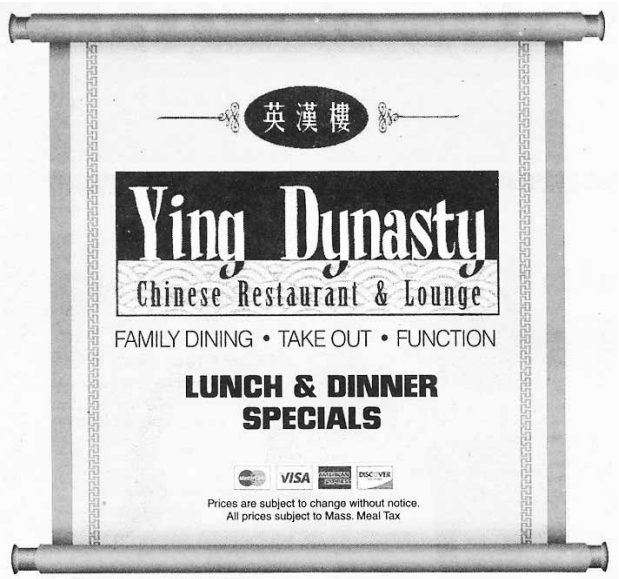

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Thursday November 30, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Pete on the Street
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse
3:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs GNBV at Gillette Stadium
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 1, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM ORR Pep Rally
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 2, 2023
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Anne Converse
2:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
5:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis Yarmouth
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday December 3, 2023
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town
2:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
3:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
9:30 PM Jazz Jam at The Marion Art Center
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday December 4, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Jazz Jam at The Marion Art Center
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying
7:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now

Tuesday December 5, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Marion Council on Aging - Cape Verde Story Share
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 6, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Marion Council on Aging - Cape Verde Story Share
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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9:30 AM Marion Planning Board
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1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:00 PM Marion Board of Health
4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
5:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
5:30 PM Marion School Committee
6:30 PM ORR School Committee
8:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 PM Marion Planning Board

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5:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
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7:30 PM Rochester School Committee
9:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
11:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen

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7:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show
7:30 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:30 AM Old Hammondtown School - Autism Acceptance
9:00 AM RMS 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert
10:00 AM Old Colony Drama - Aladdin
12:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
12:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM Old Colony vision for the Future
1:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs Bourne
3:00 PM ORR Football vs Dartmouth
4:00 PM ORR Girls Volleyball vs Apponequet
6:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show
6:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Theater Class
9:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame - Women in Sports
11:30 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2022

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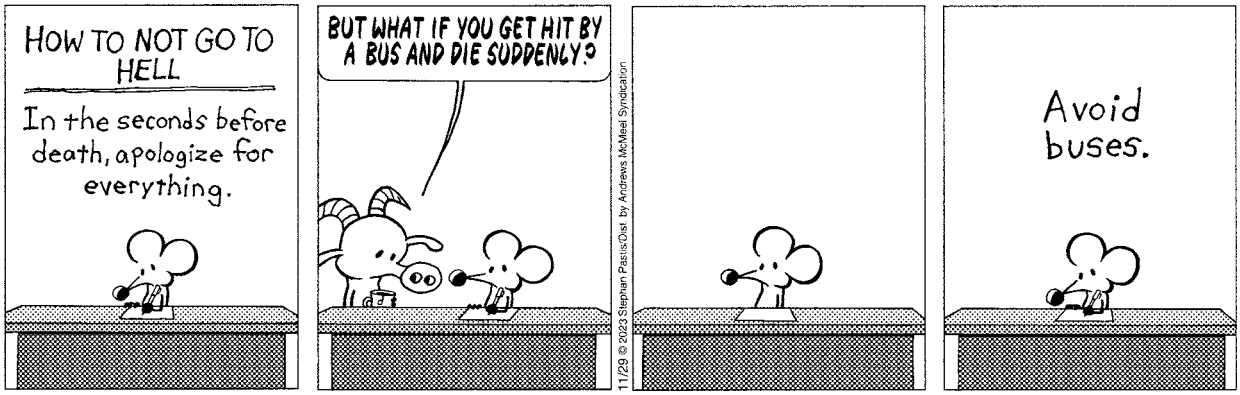
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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To the Editor,

The November 14th meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board concerning Trees and the Main Street to Marion Road project is not a consensus. The public should be made aware that the Select Board's vote to approve Proposal 4, with sidewalks added to the south side, will require the removal of many of the old heritage trees in the Village. And because the electrical wires are on the north side of the street, no new trees will be planted on that side of the street, leaving our

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309 Front Street, Marion

Village void of trees between Barstow and North Street and unable to plant new trees in this area.

The electrical review submitted to the Select Board by Carlos DeSouza, PE suggests ½ mile of the roadway be put underground. This will not only save trees, it alleviates wires crisscrossing the roadway, and it avoids unsightly extensions on the utility poles for mandated clearances. Yes, this option should have been discussed earlier, and now that it has been brought up, are we doing enough to convince Eversource that this is the time to take ½ mile of the many miles of utilities that line our streets of Mattapoisett and put them underground?

Further down the road on Beacon Street, where Proposal 4 only has a sidewalk on the north side of the street, adding a south sidewalk will again require the removal of many of the old heritage oak trees. And while sidewalks are a good thing as noted during the meeting for the runners and walkers going to Ned's Point, Ned's Point Road does not have any sidewalks and we all manage this route. Therefore, adding the south sidewalk on Beacon Street does not need to happen if adequate crosswalks are put into this road plan.

Sidewalks and crosswalks, when properly placed, enhance walking, safety and access; equally heritage trees in our town enhance Town character and provide needed shade. We can have both without the removal of large parts of our tree canopy. Join me in asking the Town to reconsider their recent decisions to remove so many stately oak trees from Water and Beacon Streets.

Sandra Hering, Mattapoisett

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Dear Editors,

I have been an active citizen participant in developing the Village Road Project for some time. There is yet a long way to go. However, a recent vote of the Mattapoisett Select Board to eliminate our heritage oak trees along Water Street seems very much like a step backward.

Trees and Sidewalks. I applaud that the roadway project is moving forward but remained concerned, for now, that it's direction is misguided. Removing heritage oak trees along the heart of Mattapoisett's picturesque waterfront fails all town citizens. The return on this environmental slaughter is a another concrete sidewalk. Instead of more concrete, how about we just use the sidewalk across the street and leave the trees to absorb greenhouse gases and provide shade, as well inspiration. The Town's consultant VHB provided sidewalks

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SATURDAY

St. Joseph's School Breakfast with Santa
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St. Joseph's School, 100 Spring St., 9-11:30

Millicent's Holiday Fun & Book Sale
Book sale, children's craft activity, music, treats
45 Center St. (book sale 10-2, crafting 11- 2)

Town Hall Shops
Booths by non-profit groups and commercial vendors
NFIA Cafe in banquet room: meat pies, spinach pies, chowder, kale soup
Town Hall, 40 Center St., 10 am - 3 pm

Congregational Church Holiday Fair
Craft booths, baked goods, thrift shop & more
Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 am - 3 pm.

Lobster Roll Luncheon
Lobster rolls, stuffed quahogs, chowder, hot dogs.
Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 11 am - ?

Unitarian Church Holiday Marketplace
Craft booths, holiday greens & more
Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., 10 am- 3 pm

Holiday Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
Harrop Center, 47 Center St., 11:30 am -2:00 pm

Unitarian Church Tours
Unitarian Church, 102 Green St. 10 am- 3 pm

Santa's Sweet Shop at Northeast Maritime Institute
Open for candy, fudge, pastry, hot chocolate, music.
Visit and take photos with Santa 11 am - 2 pm.
Northeast Maritime Institute
32 Washington St., 10 am- 3 pm

Town Hall Sing-along
Town Hall, 40 Center St., 6:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Fairhaven Improvement Association.

SUNDAY

Youth Vendor Fair
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Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave., Noon to 4 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of **Guy Wayne Asker** on November 17, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was determined to reach his 90th birthday, which he did! on July 18, 2023!

Wayne was born in the Campello neighborhood of Brockton MA, and his journey through life was marked by accomplishments, integrity, and a profound love for family, faith, and community. His early years were shaped by his passion for sports, excelling in both football and basketball, which paved the way for his graduation from Brockton High School in 1951. After high school, he continued his education at Storm King Prep School in New York. In 1955, Wayne married his high school sweetheart, Joan Walsh, a Brockton High School cheerleader, forming a partnership that would endure for decades.

For over twenty years, Wayne worked diligently at Asker Bakery in Brockton until 1973 when he transitioned his career to become a real estate broker, establishing Realty by Asker. His commitment to the real estate industry led him to become the President of Brockton Board of Realtors in 1977 and President of Brockton MLS in 1985 serving as a long-standing board member. In the 1980s, Wayne furthered his expertise by obtaining a General Certified Real Estate Appraiser license, founding GWA Appraisal Service, where he continued his work as an appraiser until the age of 75.

Wayne's devotion to his faith was evident throughout his life. He served at Trinity Baptist Church in Brockton and later at Church in the Pines in Wareham. He led numerous Bible studies, leaving a lasting impact on the spiritual lives of many.

Beyond his professional and spiritual pursuits, Wayne generously contributed to his community. He served as a basketball coach for Brockton Christian School and various church basketball leagues. In the 1980s, he moved to Marion, becoming an active member of the Sippican Tennis Club and dedicating his time to the town's Conservation Committee.

Wayne's love for travel was evident in the many adventures he shared with his wife, Joan. They explored the beauty of many parts of the world, including Ireland, Italy, France, and England, with a standout memory being their cherished trip to Israel in 1974 with dear friends.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joan, their four children, Joanne, Amy, Jonathan (Pippa), and Sarah (Andy), and their grandchildren Michelle (Russell), Dan, Samantha (Samuel), Oliver, Dean, and Maxwell. Wayne was preceded in death by parents, Guy and Hazel Asker, and his two sisters, Carol and Beverly. His grandchildren and many nieces and nephews will remember Wayne with affection.

Guy Wayne Asker will be remembered for his kindness, his unique sense of humor, unwavering devotion to his Christian faith, his devotion to integrity and honesty, and his profound love for family and friends. His legacy lives on in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to know him, and his impact will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who were touched by his warmth and generosity. He is resting in peace, and his family finds solace in the enduring legacy he leaves behind.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, Dec. 2nd at the First Congregational Church of Marion. A luncheon reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, Wayne's desire was to have any gifts go to South Coast VNA Hospice, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719. He so appreciated the loving care of each caregiver. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Judge Baron H Martin, loving husband, dedicated father and former Chief Justice of the 4th District Court in Wareham passed away peacefully on November 16 with his beloved wife Joan by his side. He was 97 years old.

Born in Boston, son of the late Baron H. and Margaret Jones Elliot Martin, he lived in Boston until 1972 moving to Wareham. Before becoming ill, he was living at the Bay Club in Mattapoisett.

Survivors include his wife, Joan (Kapolchok) Martin; his daughter Lauren B Martin of New York; his cousin who was like a son to him, Atty. Ralph Martin and his wife Dr. Deborah Martin of Jamaica Plain and their sons Scott and Sam, and daughter Christine (husband Michael Moverman and daughter Simona.)

There is no question that Judge Martin was a brilliant lawyer and Judge. He would have young lawyers, trying a case before him, scurrying back to the law library looking up cases because the ones they were using were no longer applicable.

Judge Martin never forgot his mentors who shaped his life from working as a baggage handler at South Station to becoming the esteemed Chief Justice of the Wareham District Court. They gave him the opportunity to attend Suffolk University Law School while working at the MTA (MBTA) as a clerk. He later became the General Counsel and years later was appointed to the Board of Directors.

He was personal friends with Martin Luther King, while attending Boston University. They belonged to the same fraternity, Boston University's Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. In 1952, he introduced Martin to Coretta.

Baron was very active in politics in the 60's being chair of Ward 12 in Roxbury. He was invited by President

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along Water, Town Beach and Beacon Streets to save the trees, but an unfounded insistence by the Board deems street crossings (zig zags) to be unsafe. We have safe crossings now at several points along these streets and they have proved to be safe for walkers, joggers, and cyclists.

Implement Measures to Promote Tree Longevity and Health. Trees along the roadway project were noted to be vulnerable to damage during road construction which requires digging and removing all material to a twenty inch depth. To date, VHB has not sufficiently addressed tree root, trunk, or canopy protection from excavation. Tree protection in the 25% plan submission indicates no digging beneath the tree canopy, precisely where road construction will occur. We encourage the Town, VHB, and Mass Dept of Transportation to implement arboricultural best practices to insure longevity, and health of tree roots, trunks, and branches during construction. All trees along the road project are vulnerable and all should be supported to live long after the project is complete.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Immel, Mattapoisett

To the Editor;

I had the pleasure of attending the senior thanksgiving dinner at the junior high school last Sunday. I wish to compliment the students who served the dinners and passed out the door prizes. And, the door greeters who guided us into the door dining area. The smiles on their faces and attentiveness to the seniors surely brought a ray of sunshine

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Kennedy to participate in the National Conference on Constitutional Rights in New York in 1960. He was greatly influenced by Robert F Kennedy while working on his campaign in 1968. He often quoted Robert F Kennedy as saying that those of us who have something have an obligation to help others. Judge Martin was with Robert Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968 when he was shot. He lived by this motto until the day he died.

He was inducted as Special Justice of the Roxbury Court in 1974 by Governor Francis Sargent and to the Wareham District Court in 1977 by Governor Edward King. He was named Associate Justice of the Appellate Division by Chief Justice Samuel Zoll in 1990.

There are countless stories of people that he helped when their lives were falling apart and they were standing before him in the court. He would help them see their value and a better way but they had to put in the work. He was a mentor to young law students, new judges, administrators and court personnel. And even after he retired, he continued, working on a team to bring the University of Massachusetts Law School (Southern New England Law School) to Dartmouth. Giving back is what Judge Martin did be it law students, the kid next door, or a caregiver.

This is his Legacy. His mentors would be proud.

His visiting hours were held on Tuesday, November 28th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt.6), Mattapoisett. His Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, November 29th at 11:00 am in the funeral Home. For directions and guest book, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Steven Johnston Tower of Hingham, Massachusetts, died suddenly on November 15 at his home in Hingham.

Starting his life in Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1960, he was the second son of Arthur Tower and Betty (Johnston) Tower. He attended North Adams State College but eventually graduated from Northeastern University. He would go on to spend the majority of his career as an insurance investigator.

He found a sense of calm and excitement on two wheels, whether he was pedaling one of his many bikes or pushing the throttle as hard as it could go on his motorcycle. When not on a bike, he loved to spend time digging up quahogs near the family home in Mattapoisett and assisting with any project the community needed. Throughout his life, he also liked to channel his inner Herb Brooks as a longtime coach and administrator of Braintree Youth Hockey. He could also often be found volunteering his time at the Old Colony Lodge in Hingham, where he was a devoted Masonic member.

He leaves behind his only son, Steven Jr., of Rockland, Massachusetts, and former wife and friend Catherine Nelligan of Venice, Florida. He is also survived by his many cousins with whom he shared many memories in Mattapoisett. He has now joined his late brother Putt Jr. of Fairhaven and his mother and father.

Visiting hours were held at Downing Cottage Funeral Chapel, 21 Pond St., Hingham, on Monday, November 20th. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial service at Second Parish, 685 Main St. in Hingham on Tuesday, November 21st. Burial was a private ceremony. For additional information and online guestbook please go to www.downingchapel.com

Eleanor (Ellie) Haines passed away on Friday November 16 in North Smithfield RI at the age of 91. All of her children were present the week of her passing. She was born on April 28, 1932 in Brookline NY to Ingaborg and Josef Isaksen. She grew up in South Dartmouth, MA. Marrying Gunnar Haines in 1952 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairhaven MA. They moved to California returning to Massachusetts in 1975. A long time resident of Antassawamock her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren loved spending time with her and Papo at their beach house in Mattapoisett, MA. She loved her Lord. Her Bible was always open on the dining room table. She loved music, played the piano, taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, sister and one great grandson. Survived by children Susan (Craig) of North Smithfield, RI, Michael (JoAnn) of Mattapoisett, MA, Heidi (Rob) of Sanborton, NH and John (Melissa) of Elmira, NY, ten grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren with two more on the way.

Ellie's celebration of life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairhaven MA on December 9th at 11:00 am with luncheon to follow. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Polly-Ann (Cotter) Mort, 89, died peacefully at the Mattapoisett home she loved on Thanksgiving morning.

Polly-Ann was an amazing person whose love for her family and thoughtfulness towards others were central to her life. She loved having the family together. She hosted holiday dinners with a house full of people until she was 81 years old and notably, the last holiday dinner she cooked may have been the most delicious one ever. She truly was the backbone and guiding light of our family.

Polly-Ann was active in Mattapoisett having served as the Guidance Secretary & Registrar at Old Rochester and worked at Town Hall. She is a past board member of the Council on Aging and the TriCounty Music Association. She and her husband were previous co-owners of the Harbor Beach Club. She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church where she previously served on several committees. Pol-

to our faces. I also want to thank the school staff, who in large part, made this possible by choosing the best of the students who were there. The coordinators were top notch and the training of these young folks and the precision in which they served the dinners was out standing. So, a big thanks to Orr for making a lovely day for myself and the other seniors of the tri town area See you next year.
Stephanie Mitchell, Mattapoisett

Rochester Women's Club

The Rochester Women's Club, located at 37 Marion Road in Rochester, will be having their Scholarship Christmas wreath sale on Saturday **December 2** from 9 am to 2 pm. All our wreaths will be naturally decorated in our effort to stay away from plastics and other environmentally hazardous materials. Our wreaths are $25.00 each, and all proceeds go to our scholarship fund. Each year our club offers three $1,000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside in Rochester. It does not matter where you attend high school, if your home is in Rochester Massachusetts and you are graduating from high school and have applied to a college or university, you can apply for our scholarships.

Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham/New Bedford Lodge No. 73

OBITUARIES

ly-Ann graduated from Lasalle University.

Polly-Ann is survived by her daughters Joanna Robbins and her husband Tom and Polly Mac Donald and her partner, Bruce Farrington as well as her beloved six grandchildren and great granddaughter. She is sadly pre-deceased by her husband, John, and her two sons, Jonathan and David. She is survived by her siblings, Suzanne Gulbranson and her husband Gary and her brother, Charles Cotter and his partner, Marilyn Saint Aubin. She was pre-deceased by her parents, Harold and Anne Cotter and her siblings, Mary-Lou McNair, James and Peter Cotter.

Prior to passing, Polly-Ann left written thoughts, something for us to consider. "I want you all to remember, life is not about living forever. It's about making the journey count. I hope you all have a great journey."

A wake will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett 50 County Rd. Rt. 6, Mattapoisett. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 11:00 am in Grace Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers and in memory of Polly-Ann, the family asks that you perform a simple act of kindness for someone else. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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TriTown Happenings

Over 170 seniors from the Tri-Towns enjoyed a full turkey dinner served by over 60 Grade 7-8 student volunteers at the 30th Annual Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet for Seniors held on Nov. 19 at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. Over 50 door prizes included holiday gift sets, small home items, gift cards and over 60 meals were sent as to-go meals to Tri-Town and Wareham Council on Aging locations for seniors unable to attend the banquet in person. The event was made possible by donations from the school community and local businesses and organizations. Photos courtesy ORR District

Photo by Ruth Griffin

The Old Rochester Regional Unified Basketball Team dominated Tri-Town Fire and Police to the delight of a packed ORR gymnasium on November 21. ORR seniors Traeh Carrington, John Butler and Jake Newton were recognized. Police chiefs Jason King (Mattapoisett), Robert Small (Rochester) and Richard Nighelli (Marion) presented $200 each from their respective departments to ORR's Unified sports program, and nearly $2,700 was raised in ticket, T-shirt and concession sales. Photos by Mick Colageo

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sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service, industry and farming.

We congratulate Sophomore **Zachary Mendes**, of Rochester for being selected as Student of the Month for November by the Old Rochester Regional High School Faculty and Staff.

Over the summer, Zach had a traumatic accident that required extensive recovery time. Since his return, he has been a model student.

Movie Review

Unmerry

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Holdovers.* Starring Paul Giamatti and Da'Vine Joy Randolph. Directed by Alexander Payne. Running time: 133 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters and on streaming**

The Holdovers foregrounds three people in varying degrees of pain. It's nothing radical — indeed, it's consciously retro, set in 1970-71 and styled as though it were *made* then. The "film print" carries the spots and soft pops of age; the soundtrack is mellow and morose. Some folks will snuggle inside this movie like a blanket, because it's ultimately comforting. Others may respond to it in a more prickly fashion, though it's probably not meant to be held up to practical or political objections. Still, this is an atypically compassionate film from the previously cool and cynical Alexander Payne (*Sideways, Nebraska*), it's gorgeous to look at, and it works if you don't think about it too much.

Payne reunites with *Sideways* star Paul Giamatti, who specializes in finding the relatable or entertaining qualities in dissatisfied, dyspeptic men. Here, the script by David Hemingson serves Giamatti the role of Paul Hunham on a platter. Hunham teaches classical history at Barton, a New England boarding school. Various physical quirks have given him an eye condition and an illness that makes him smell like fish. Hunham is written as a strict and derisive martinet who slowly thaws in the company of others. The role is entirely in Giamatti's wheelhouse, and it never requires him to take any chances. An Oscar nomination, and perhaps a win, has been signed, sealed, and delivered to him. Not that he doesn't deserve it.

Hunham is obligated to stay at Barton over the Christmas break and supervise five students who can't go home for whatever reason. Soon the group of kids is reduced to one, Angus Tully (Dominic Sessa), a smart kid more or less throwing himself away because of trauma involving his parents. Completing the trio here is Mary Lamb (Da'Vine Joy Randolph), who runs the school cafeteria and whose son, a Barton grad, recently died in Vietnam. Mary is a Black woman surrounded by white guys who come from money and think *they* have problems. The white kids go off to college; the Black kids get shipped off to kill and die. The movie makes its points about this subtly, which is to say inoffensively, non-stridently. Payne wants to compare and contrast pain divided by race or generation.

The director gets quietly affecting performances out of everyone (Randolph's Oscar buzz, also deserved, is even louder than Giamatti's), even newcomer Sessa. I wish I trusted Payne's good faith enough to view certain details more charitably, such as the school staffer (Carrie Preston) who brings Hunham Christmas cookies and has lipstick on her teeth — why? Why score a mean laugh off this kind woman who later invites everyone to her Christmas party? (This character also suffers from one of the script's more pointless curveballs.) But the story's inherent sentimentality must have touched Payne *somehow,* even on a nostalgic level, because this kind of joke eventually fades out of the movie and a sort of warm curiosity takes over. Ultimately it's about Hunham redefining what he means by "Barton men." Nostalgia, and wanting things always to stay the same, are a comforting but smothering blanket that must be cast off.

Misgivings about Payne aside, he has put together a tonally satisfying fable in which people watch each other carefully and wait for them to reveal hidden layers. All three main figures start out wanting to be left alone in their misery, like emotional Scrooges, but learn to reach out to others, to be part of something larger, a community. Or just to leave the womblike solace of the known — to be born. Here and there *The Holdovers* irritated me, but overall its high-toned gloom won me over. The movie feels as though it were fighting for the right to end the way it does. Payne leaves smart-ass caricature behind, and the characters earn dignity and respect.

He has strived to catch up with his academics and has worked extremely hard this term to get solid grades. Zach brings energy to each class and does not hesitate to help others when needed. He also volunteers as the team manager for the school's unified basketball team and is a member of the football team. Although he cannot play due to his injury, he is always at each game cheering and encouraging his teammates to be the best they can be. Zach has worked very hard to overcome the obstacles he encountered due to his injury and tries each day to be his very best.

Mattapoisett Museum Holiday Sing-Along

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street invites the community to join together on Sunday, **December 17** at 4:00 pm. Join us for a Holiday Sing-along led by Steve LaValley and accompanied by Gail Roberts. The song list will include old time favorites such as Jingle Bells, Rudolf, Deck the Halls and many more. Song booklets of the words will be provided. After the singalong, participants will meet Santa Claus himself and enjoy some festive refreshments.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Celebrates Advent

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church would like to invite the community to several special events to kick off the Advent season. On **December 2** from 9 am-1 pm, the Christmas on Church Street Holiday Fair will be held in Reynard Hall with baked goods, handmade craft items, including knitted hats and sweaters as well as handcrafted jewelry and other Christmas décor. The White Gifts Pageant which celebrates the birth of Jesus will be held during worship on Sunday, **December 10** at 10 am with a donation of gift cards collected for needy families in our area. A beautiful Christmas Cantata by the Mattapoisett Congregational Church choir and performers from Seaglass Theater will be held on **December 17** at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Every Sunday in Advent will be celebrated with lighting of the Advent candle with a culmination of all the candles being lit on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Eve, there are three services planned.

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The Christmas Eve Family Service will be held at 5 pm.

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Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season at Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Please see our website at mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org for more information.

December Events at the MAC

The Marion Art Center will kick off the month of December with the opening of its new play, Miracle on South Division Street, written by Tom Dudzick, directed by Donn Tyler and Maura Van Voris. The show opens Friday, **December 1** and runs through Saturday, **December 16**, with a total of seven performances. Don't miss this lighthearted

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MARION
Log highlights Nov 19-Nov 25
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Water St – Animal control
- West Dr – Smoke investigation
- Mill St – MV collision
- Water St – Found property
- Olde Knoll Rd – Follow up
- Allen St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Parking enforcement
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- I195 West – MV collision
- Village Dr – General service
- Island Wharf Rd – Waterways hazard
- Spring St – MV collision
- Front St – Follow up investigation
- Spring St Ext – General service
- Converse Rd – Suspicious activity
- Hermitage Rd – Officer wanted
- Boxberry Way – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Pitcher St – EMS/medical
- Tucker Ln – EMS/medical
- Sippican Ln – Animal complaint
- Olde Logging Rd – Message delivery
- Village Dr – Suspicious person
- Point Rd – General service
- Mill St – Larceny/past
- Mill St – Noise complaint
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Nov 19-Nov 25
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Aucoot Rd – General service
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- I195 East – Health/welfare
- North St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Acushnet Rd - Vandalism
- Barstow St – Stolen property
- Industrial Dr – MV lockout
- Lebaron Way – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- North St – Assist other agency
- Fairhaven Rd – Civil complaint
- North St – MV crash
- Hammond St – B&E
- North St – MV crash
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- North St – MV crash
- Pearl St – 911 call
- Neds Point Rd – MV lockout
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Park St - Threats
- Wildwood Ter – Health/welfare
- Pine Island Rd - Complaint
- I195 East – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Barstow St – 911 call
- North St – Open door

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Nov 19-Nov 25
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Foss Farm Ln – Animal control
- County Rd – MV stop/towed
- High St – MV stop/arrest
- Benjamin Dr – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – Road hazard
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – House lockout
- Wordell St – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Pine St – Road hazard
- Jasons Ln – Animal control
- Neck Rd – MV stop/Citation
- Snipatuit Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- High St – Erratic MV
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Gurney Pl – General service/arrest
- Bradford Ln – Outside smoke
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Dr Braley Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General service

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Dec 4: Chicken tacos, rice & beans, peppers & onions, flour tortilla, peaches
Tuesday, Dec 5: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, glazed carrots, whole wheat roll, apple
Wednesday, Dec 6: Vegetable soup, roast pork w/rosemary gravy, red bliss potatoes, oatmeal roll, pineapple
Thursday, Dec 7: Sloppy Joe, fluffy rice, California blend vegetable, hamburger roll, brownie, graham wafer
Friday, Dec 8: Macaroni & cheese, tomato Florentine, multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Dec 4: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Dec 5: Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Dec 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, yogurt cup
Thursday, Dec 7: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Dec 4: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Dec 5: Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Dec 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, yogurt cup
Thursday, Dec 7: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Dec 4: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Dec 5: Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Dec 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, yogurt cup
Thursday, Dec 7: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 8: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Dec 4: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Dec 5: Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Dec 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, yogurt cup
Thursday, Dec 7: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Dec 4: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Dec 5: Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, Dec 6: Pancakes, maple syrup, hashbrown patty, yogurt cup
Thursday, Dec 7: Baked ziti, garlic breadstick, savory green beans
Friday, Dec 8: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, steamed broccoli

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Dec 4: BBQ chicken bacon ranch flat bread
Tuesday, Dec 5: Macaroni & cheese or buffalo mac & cheese
Wednesday, Dec 6: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Thursday, Dec 7: Italian sub & fries
Friday, Dec 8: Assorted pizza

and heartfelt comedy on the MAC stage. See all details and purchase tickets at marionartcenter.org/events.

Visit the MAC during the Annual Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Sippican Women's Club on Saturday, **December 9**. The MAC will have extended hours from 10 am-5 pm. Shop for unique, one-of-a-kind gifts and artwork from the current gallery exhibition, Small Works + Holiday Shop. Artworks are all under 14 inches, and the shop features a curated selection of handmade goods, such as jewelry, textiles, ceramics, woodworks and more. All pieces may be immediately removed from the galleries upon purchase for this cash and carry show.

Guests will have another opportunity to shop and join the MAC festivities during the Marion Holiday Stroll on Sunday, **December 10** from 3:30-5:30 pm. Take your own fun family photos, pet portraits and selfies in the MAC's winter wonderland igloo. Use your new photos for a fun holiday greeting card. Tag the MAC or check in on social media to get a free glitter tattoo from the Glitter Witches, who will be on site from 4:00-5:00 pm. The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. All are welcome.

Looking for the perfect gift? The Marion Art Center now offers gift cards. Gift cards can be purchased for any amount and used for anything at the MAC including artwork, tuition for classes, memberships, concert or play tickets, and more. They make great stocking stuffers, birthday presents, and are the perfect gifts for those hard-to-shop-for folks in your life. Give the gift of art.

Stay tuned for the MAC's 2024 season. The first gallery show of the year, the Winter Members' Show, will open on Saturday, **January 13**, with an opening reception scheduled 3:00-5:00 pm. All MAC members are invited to enter up to two pieces each and should plan to deliver works to the MAC on Saturday, **January 6** between 10 am-2 pm or Tuesday, **January 9** between 10 am-4 pm. To learn more, visit marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit. The MAC will close for the season on Saturday, **December 16**, and office hours will resume on Wednesday, **January 3**. See all events and programs at marionartcenter.org.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 6**. Chief Colby is planning another wholesome meal for us. We meet at the American Legion Eastman Post on Depot Street. Doors open at 5 pm for social time followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker program begins at 6:45. New members are always welcome. Please contact Chuck at cwmccullough@comcast.net with questions.

MGG Annual Holiday Boutique

The Marion Garden Group's annual Holiday Boutique opens on Saturday, **December 9** at 9:00 am sharp and closes at 12:30 pm. An array of wreaths, garlands, table decorations and hand-made one-of-a-kind ornaments will be installed in the Marion Music Hall. The historic building lends itself as an elegant backdrop to showcase the various items for sale. Volunteer MGG elves have been working tirelessly all year in preparation for the festive event. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Proceeds benefit the

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29 Thin coins
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58 About 4.2 millimeters, in typography
61 Footed vase
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63 Riddle, part 3
66 "This is SO frustrating!"
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70 Tools used in fixing flats
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87 She won eight Oscars for Best Costume Design
91 "Oops, I messed up"
93 Comic-strip light bulb
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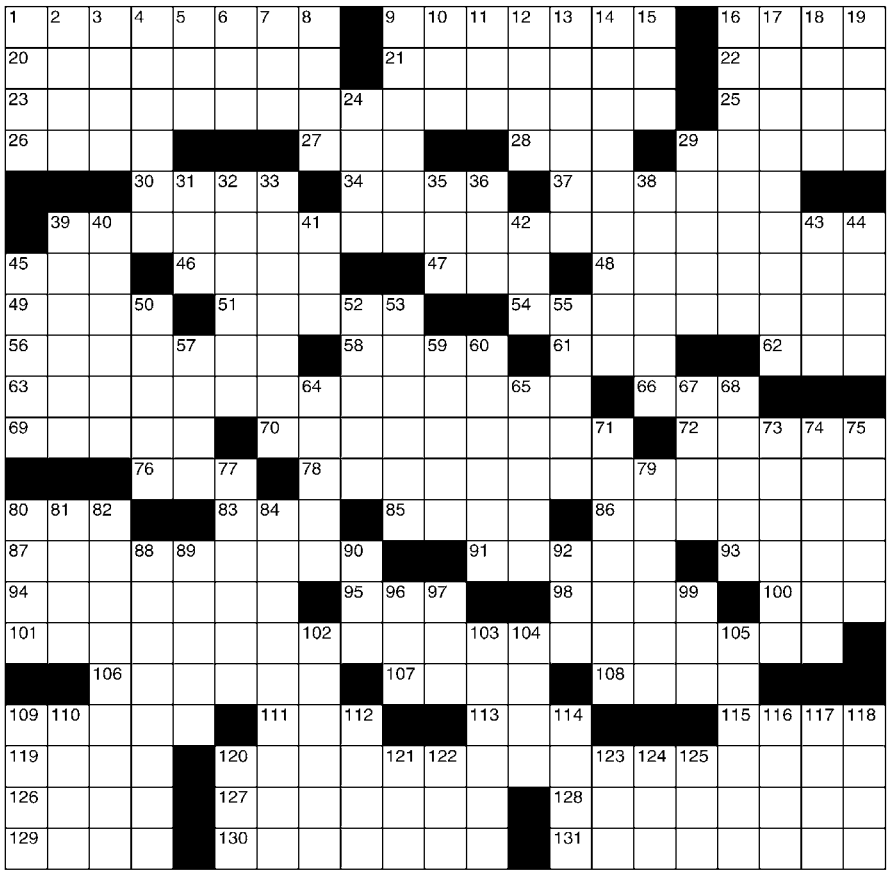

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Restless Rams and Ewes might want to let others finish a current project so they can start something new. But if you do, you could risk losing out on a future opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's creative forces start revving up as you plan for the upcoming holidays. Some practical aspects also emerge, especially where money is involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moments of doubt disrupt your otherwise clear sense of purpose, but don't ignore them. They could be telling you not to rush into anything until you know more about it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A planned trip might have to be delayed. Plan to use this new free time to update your skills and resume so that you'll be ready when a new job opportunity opens.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A flood of holiday party bids from business contacts allows you to mix work and pleasure. Your knowledge plus your Leonine charm win you a new slew of admirers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected act by a colleague complicates an agreement, causing delays in implementing it. Check out the motive for this move -- it might not be what you suspect.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to cut ties with an ingrate who seems to have forgotten your past generosity. But there might be a reason for this behavior that you should know about. Ask.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful not to set things in stone. Much could happen during the next several days that will make you rethink some decisions and maybe change them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your plans to help provide holiday cheer for the less fortunate inspire others to follow your generous example. Expect welcome news by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're in your glory as you start planning for the holiday season ahead. But leave some time open to deal with a problem that needs a quick and fair resolution.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The upcoming holiday season provides a perfect setting for strengthening relationships with kin and others. Meanwhile, a new contact has important information.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Instead of fretting over a cutting remark by a co-worker, chalk it up to an outburst of envy of your well-respected status, among both your colleagues and superiors.

BORN THIS WEEK: You instinctively know when to be serious and when to be humorous, which are attributes that everyone finds endearing.

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nonprofit organization and support beautification projects around town, tree tagging, plus educational and enrichment programs.

December 9 is a busy time in Marion: - Sippican Women's Club House Tour, The Congregational Church Luncheon and a visit to Elizabeth Taber's gift to Marion, built in 1893, the venerable Music Hall, corner of Front and Cottage Streets.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Kai Johnson, a 6th grade student at Old Hammondtown School has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

Kai's poster is among more than 450,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected by Lions Club members Helene Rose, Club President Lynne Foley and school staff members for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Dare to Dream." President Lynne Foley said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Old Hammondtown School. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what compassion means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

Kai's poster will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner." Foley said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of $5,000, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to a special award ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of $500.

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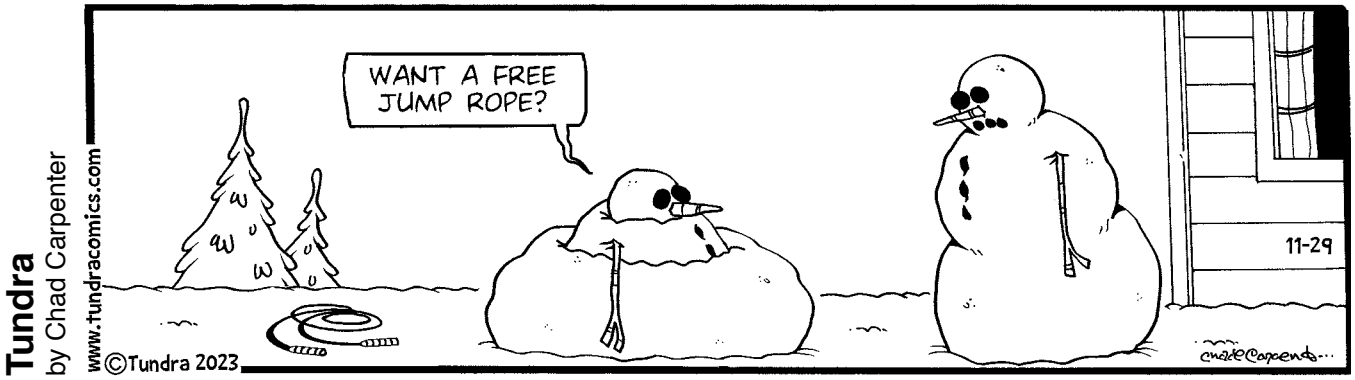
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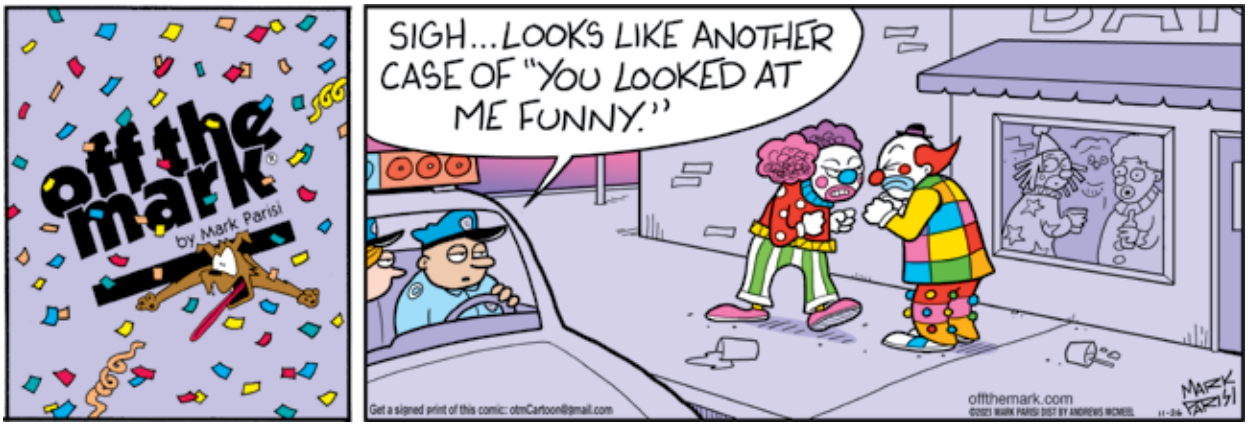
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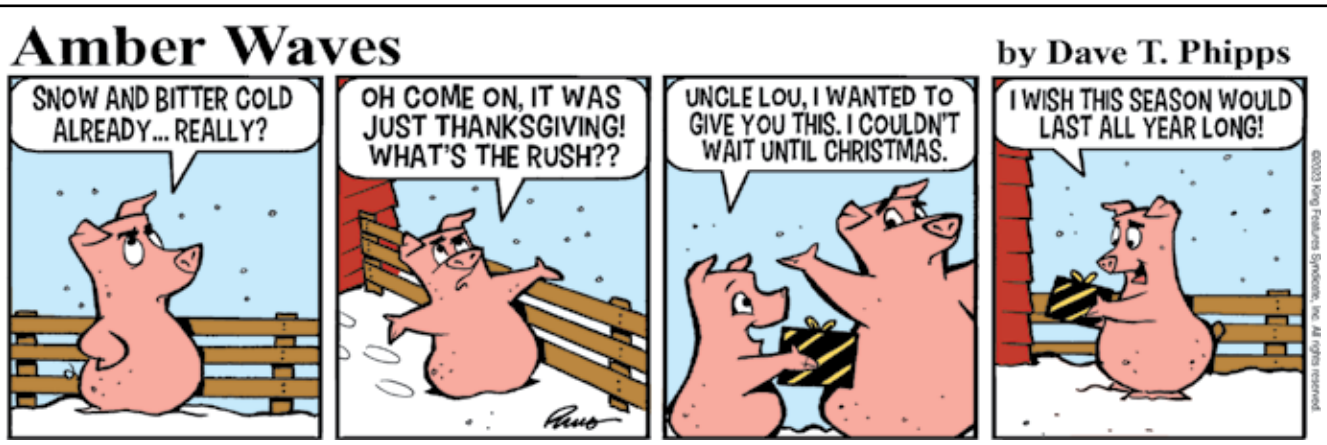
Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
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"Our club is cheering for Kai as his poster advances in the competition, and we hope that his vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Foley said.

Locally, Kai and numerous other students were honored for their participation by the Mattapoisett Lions Club on November 22 at Old Hammondtown School. Kai was awarded a $100 gift card. Second place recipient Amelia Sawicki was awarded a $50 gift card and third place recipient Dominic Philie received a $25 gift card. Honorable Mention was awarded to Hannah Gomes who received a $15 gift card.

Members of the Mattapoisett Lions Club wish to thank Principal Mr. Kevin Tavares, the wonderful educators at Old Hammondtown School and parents for their continued support of the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest Project.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

Follow Mattapoisett Lions Club on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/MattapoisettLionsClub.

National Merit Scholarship Program

The principal, Michael Devoll, of Old Rochester Regional High School announced today that **Allison D. Root** and **Alia M. Cusolito** have been named Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC ®), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2024 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2024 competition by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT ®.)

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

Christmas at the Knights of Columbus

All are welcome to join the Mattapoisett Knights for their Annual Christmas Event at 57 Fairhaven Rd, Mattapoisett, on **December 8** from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. This free Celebration will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving by fire truck at 7:00, and will include a bonfire, live music, cookies,

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3-5, the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Board during a regularly scheduled meeting at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 18, 2023 on the request for a permit authorizing, and consent of the Planning Board for, the cutting and removal of the following: Maple Tree DBH 2'x 5'x 40' located at 12 Barstow Street, Barstow Street being a designated scenic way in Town; Maple Tree DBH 3'x 8' x 40' located at 4 Marion Road, Marion Road being a designated scenic way in Town; and Ash Tree DBH 2' x 6' x 50' located at 12 North Street, North Street being a designated scenic way in Town. (Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed). 11/23, 11/30

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee invites sealed bids for furnishing Regular Day School Transportation for pupils residing in the Town of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester and who attend the public elementary schools within the Town and the Old Rochester Regional Junior High and Senior High Schools.

This contract is for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 with the School Committee's option to renew for a fourth and fifth year.

Bids will be received on behalf of the School Committee at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Old Rochester Regional School District, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett MA 02739 until 09:00 am on Monday, December 18, 2023, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening, the Office of the Superintendent of Schools is closed due to uncontrolled events such as fire, snow, ice, or building evacuation, the bid opening will be postponed until 09:00 am on the next normal business day. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.

A pre-bid conference to review the specifications will be held on December 4, 2023, at 10:00 am in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Specifications and related documents may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools or by telephone at (508) 758-2772 ext. 1945.

This bid and contract are solicited under Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws (Uniform Procurement Act).

The School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
For the Old Rochester Regional School Committee
By Michael S. Nelson
Superintendent of Schools 11/30

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:10 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Robert Glenn Seiple Trust for proposed residential pier facility improvements at 53 Piney Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 36 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
*Please contact Terri Santos at tsantos@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 11/30

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by The Weweantic Realty Trust for proposed residential pier facility improvements at 312 Delano Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 3 on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
*Please contact Terri Santos at tsantos@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 11/30

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SELECT BOARD
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen, along with the Board of Assessors, will conduct a public hearing on December 5, 2023, at 6:45 pm, in the conference room at the Town Hall, and on Zoom Meeting ID: 843 5995 3374 Passcode: 596412 for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the five property classes for the Fiscal Year 2024. Interested taxpayers may present oral or written comments on their views at that time. 11/30

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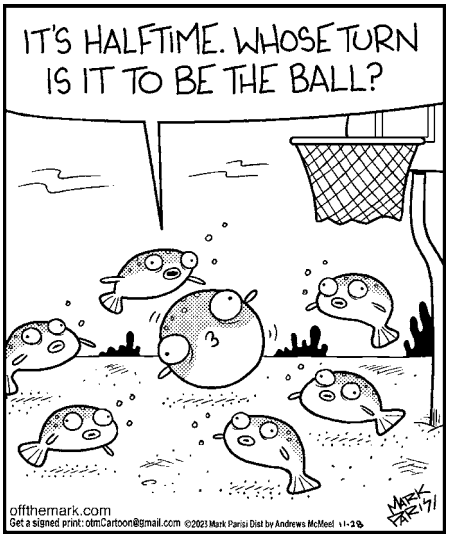
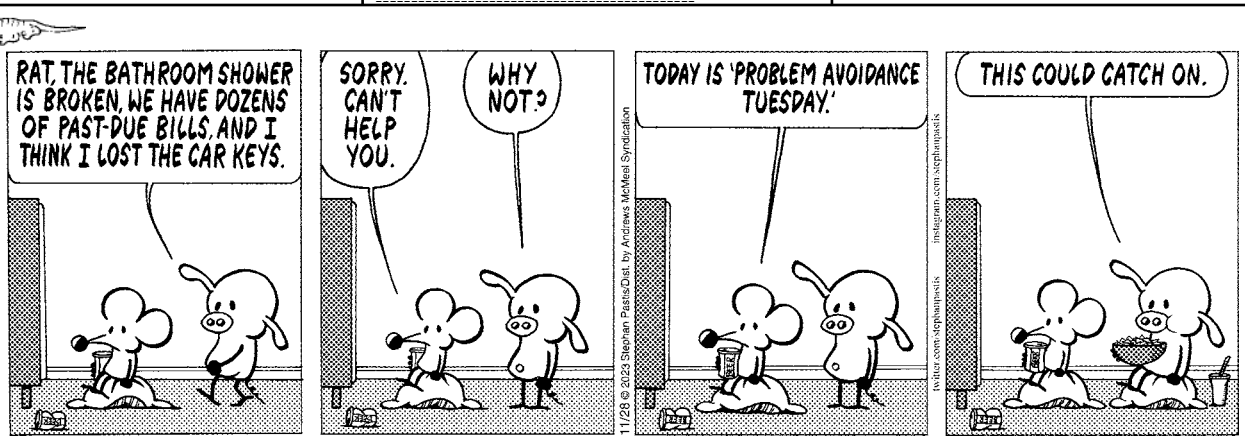


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



cocoa, cider and friends. All are welcome.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will be holding its monthly meeting Wednesday, **December 13**, at the North Rochester Congregational Church, 289 North Avenue, Rochester. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm on the lower level of the church. The community is invited to attend. You do not have to be a member of the committee to participate in discussions. Should you have any questions, you may contact Bill Chamberlain at 508-272-6793 or by email pauln75@verizon.net.

Old Hammondtown School Ranked Among Best

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Kevin Tavares are very proud to announce that Old Hammondtown School has been ranked in the top 5 percent of all elementary schools in Massachusetts.

"I am extraordinarily proud of the hard work and results being achieved by our students, faculty and staff," Superintendent Nelson said. "In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with our nation's finest public schools, the annual U.S. News report firmly places Old Hammondtown among not only the finest elementary schools in the state but also in the top tier nationally."

In the U.S. News 2024 Best Elementary Schools ranking, Old Hammondtown was ranked 72 out of 1,563 elementary schools in Massachusetts.

"It is an incredible honor to be recognized by US News and World Report as a top 5% performing elementary school in Massachusetts," Principal Tavares said. "It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of both teachers, students, and the entire school community. It's an amazing accomplishment, and our community should be proud to celebrate its achievement."

Schools ranked in the top 40% nationally achieve status as a U.S. News Best Middle School. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation rates and how well they prepare their students for high school.

Out of 958 ranked schools in Massachusetts, Old Hammondtown was also listed at or near the top 10 percent in Reading Proficiency (Ranked 99 out of 958 schools) and Math Proficiency (84 out of 958.)

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Raffle of Gift Baskets at Book Sale

A new feature at the annual Holiday Book Sale at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion will be a Raffle of more than a dozen unique gift baskets. These include a Family Movie Night Basket, a Baby Book Lover Basket, a Baseball Fan's Basket, a Winter Gardening Basket, a Secret Life of Bees Basket and a Christmas cookie jar filled with an assortment of freshly baked Christmas cookies, which is a sample of the variety. Raffle tickets will be for sale from **December 2**, when the Book Sale begins, through Sunday, **December 17**, when the drawing will be held at 2 pm.

Another added attraction of the Holiday Book Sale is that refreshments of mulled cider and home baked Christmas cookies will be served. The sale will feature books in gift giving condition, as well as puzzles and games. Colorful ETL T-shirts, for children and adults, and onesies, all priced at $25, will also be for sale. The sale will begin on **December 2**

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2. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Washington state?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does the average housefly live?
4. LITERATURE: Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"?
5. SCIENCE: What is the softest mineral in the world?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which major river flows through London, England?
7. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition veisalgia?
8. MOVIES: In which movie did the actress Gal Gadot make her debut?
9. HISTORY: Where was the first Disney park built?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the British term for a flashlight?

Answers
1. David Hasselhoff.
2. Olympia.
3. 15-30 days.
4. "Animal Farm."
5. Talc.
6. The River Thames.
7. Hangover.
8. "Fast & Furious" (2009).
9. Anaheim, California (1955).
10. Torch.

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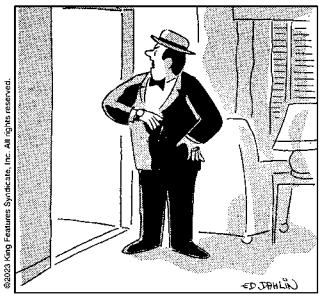

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TODAY'S WORD

and run through **December 23**, for the convenience of last-minute shoppers. It will be held at the library at 8 Spring Street, Marion.

Rochester Historical Society

The Rochester Historical Society will be at the Library Christmas Sale selling all things Rochester. We hope to see you there on **December 9**.

December 10 at 2:00, we'll be showing off our organ with a Holiday Organ Sing. This will be followed by refreshments. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen. We'll also gratefully accept any donations to our organ fund as we work to repair some of its age -related issues.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

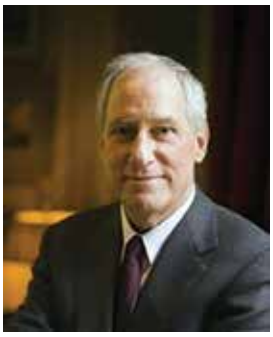
Mattapoisett Public Library Director, Jennifer Jones, has resigned to become Director of the Lakeville (MA) Library. We are grateful for her leadership of the library through the difficult time of the recent pandemic and for her professional guidance of the library's service to the community during her tenure as the Library Director.

The trustees and library patrons wish her well in her new position.

Former Director, Susan Pizzolato, has agreed to become interim Director of the Library on **December 1**. She will serve on an interim basis while a search is conducted for a new permanent Director. "We are extremely fortunate that Mrs. Pizzolato is willing to serve as Interim Director," stated Bill Osier, Chair of the Library Trustees. "From her years of experience, she knows the library and the Mattapoisett community well."

SHS Speaker Series

Travel to 18th Century Paris by joining Robert Darnton on **December 6**, at the Marion Music Hall.



Darton's new release, The Revolutionary Temper, looks at the French Revolution with the perspective of the Parisian public. After reviewing pamphlets, art, underground newsletters and other primary documents, he leads us through the controversies, motivations and hopes for a new governing paradigm.

Kirkus Reviews said in its starred review, "The run-up to the French Revolution in expert hands."

Robert Darnton is a chevalier in the Legion d'honneur and winner of the Nation Humanities Award. The Pforzheimer University Professor and University Librarian, emeritus at Harvard University is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Sippican Historical Society.

No need to bring your suitcase for Parisian ambiance, just come to the Marion Music Hall on **December 6**, at 6:30 pm for the Sippican Historical Society's (SHS) final Speaker Series event of 2023.

The SHS fosters interest in the history of Marion and encourages historical research and writing. Its museum,

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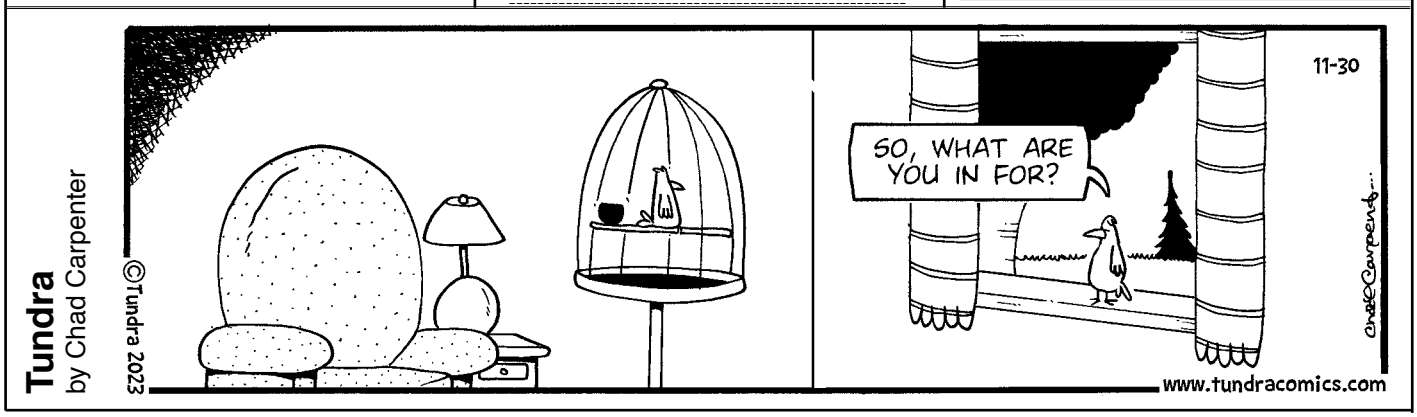

which is free and open to the public, displays artifacts, documents and artwork. For more information, go to www.sippicanhistoricalsociety.org

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

It seems that any article about area taverns that I have come across at the museum ends with the admonishment that many a farmer or worker ended up in the alms house after spending all his money on liquor. Perhaps it was this philosophy that was behind the temperance movement in the towns of old Rochester that started long before the 18th Amendment ushered in Prohibition and the banning of all alcohol in the United States which lasted from 1920-1933.

The temperance movement was alive and well in our area as early as the 1830's. At that time, the town meeting sent a petition to the state legislature to pass a new law that would give either the county commissioners or the Selectmen the power to license tavern keepers to run their taverns as usual but a ban would be put on the selling of

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Meghan Galarzza	November 30
Kate Day Taylor	December 1
Lynn Marie Bliss	December 1
Sandy Robinson	December 1
Joanne Collyer	December 2
Lisa Maclean	December 2
Marco Pedulli	December 3
Rachel Harkins	December 3
Abigail Fortin	December 4
Arin Brackins	December 4
Ben Burns	December 4
Chris Nye	December 4
Joyce Lombard	December 4
Marissa Hughes	December 4
Mark Bosworth	December 4
Stacy Albalos	December 4
Stephen Bosworth	December 4
Jackson Liam Kelsch	December 5
Lindsay E Days	December 5
Roberta Mort	December 5
Courtney Rezendes	December 6
Evelyn Jenks	December 6
Justin Ziobro	December 6
Molly Kracke	December 6
Raymond C. Daggett	December 6
Scott Anderson	December 6

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

"spiritous liquor".

A second petition was later sent, and it contained more emotional language pleading the case of the "wife's streaming eyes over her naked and supperless children" whose husband's drinking was ruining their lives.

In Mattapoisett, feelings were strong. Ship captains tired of drunken crews involved themselves in town affairs and began working to ban liquor at events like town picnics and clambakes. For many years Rochester was known as a dry town.

Rochester's various villages formed what was known as "cold water armies" made up primarily of women and children. By the 1840's, Total Abstinence Societies were being formed. Dr. Robbins of Mattapoisett became a strong proponent of abstinence.

The picture with this article is of the cover of a small book I found at the museum. It is "The New Temperance Melodies". Inside are "Glees, Songs, & Pieces" that were composed to be used by temperance organizations in the United States and Canada. They were written by Stephen Eubbard and published by Oliver Ditson & Co. in 1859. In the preface, the author states his belief that music which "soothes, subdues and inspires" can influence the "great reformation of the day, the temperance reformation".

Several of the songs and their titles extol the value of cold water and urge all to come together to fight for temperance. However, my favorite song is titled "I'm not to Blame".

I want to thank Barbara Keohane for her list of 'kid westerns" some of which I had forgotten, like Cisco Kid and Range Ryder. I have a feeling this list will show up in our next exhibit.

"Songs of Light" Winter Concert

The "Songs of Light" Concert will be presented at Tabor Academy on Sunday **December 3** at 7:00 pm. This special concert is a collaboration between the South Coast Children's Chorus, and the choruses of Tabor Academy including the Madrigals, Mixed Chorus and Celebration Gospel Choir.

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"Songs of Light" is open to the public and free of charge.

Sippican Choral Society Holiday Concert

Join us as we bring the brass to Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, for our annual Holiday Concert on Saturday, **December 9** at 7:00 pm, featuring the majesty of John Rutter's musical setting of the "Gloria" with full brass orchestra. Come marvel at the ethereal beauty of Felix Mendelssohn's "Behold a Star from Jacob Shining" and Howard Helvey's "O Lux Beatissima." Sing along to "Joy to the World" and sway to the rhythm of Mack Wilberg's West Indian carol "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy." Tickets are $20 general admission, $10 for students, and free for children 14 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at sippicanchoralsociety.org., or from Choral Society members, at Marion General Store, the Symphony Music Shop, and at the door with cash or check.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Indoor Holiday Book Sale **December 2 to December 23**. Find great gifts for the whole family at our annual holiday book sale at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Get books, puzzles, DVDS, games, library T-shirts and raffle tickets to an array of prize baskets.

We are now accepting donations for our holiday book sale. Please only donate books in giftable condition, puzzles and games in original boxes with no missing pieces, DVDs in original cases with no missing discs, and vinyl records in their original sleeves. The library does not accept text books, VHS tapes, music CDs, or damaged or stained materials, or materials that have been written in or have highlighted passages.

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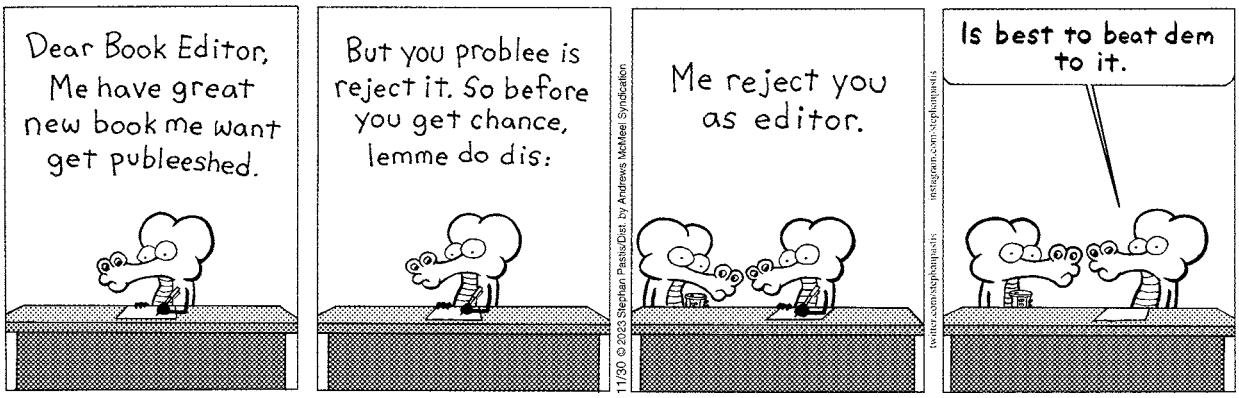
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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Christmas by the Sea Bazaar

Please join us at the 56th Annual "Christmas by the Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 2** from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Anthony's Parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Many handcrafted gifts and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, seashell trees, ornaments, holiday decorations, seashell window art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items, driftwood creations, seascape prints, note cards, T-shirts and so much more. Credit cards accepted.

When you arrive, you'll be greeted with live holiday music and as always, the Bazaar will offer a huge assortment of decorated wreaths and greenery arrangements, parish ornament, gift basket and art raffles, a grand raffle (1st prize: $1,000, 2nd prize: $500, 3rd prize: $250), Gift Boutique (in addition to vendors), Toy Shoppe with toys, books, cookie decorating and games, a visit by Santa and baked goods.

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This year's offerings include handmade fresh wreaths, beautiful swags, stunning table decorations, gorgeous post and note cards and a singular array of homemade dated ornaments. The selection of greens items is amazing, more so because everything has been handcrafted under the guidance of this year's Newport Floral Show's award-winning designers Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins.

As if the show and sale are not enough, we may also have a visitor from the North Pole stopping by to pick up something to beautify his warm, comfy home for the holidays as well. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

We hope to see you at the warm, festive, and dry (in case of snow or rain) Old Fire Station on Route 6 on Saturday morning, **December 2**, from 9:00 till we're sold out. There, members of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be ready to help you choose your favorite greens and/or handmade ornaments from the dazzling array of items available at the Fourth Annual MWC's Greens Sale.

Profits from this and all fundraisers support the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Funds and other community endeavors.

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
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Mercer, Richard James TR Mercer Jopson RT	Mercer, Richard James Mercer, Harriet Jopson	31 Pine Hill Ln	Marion	11/09/2023	100.00
Labrecque, Richard J Labrecque, Susan T	Evergrain Orchard LLC	16 Pumping Station Rd	Marion	11/13/2023	430,000.00

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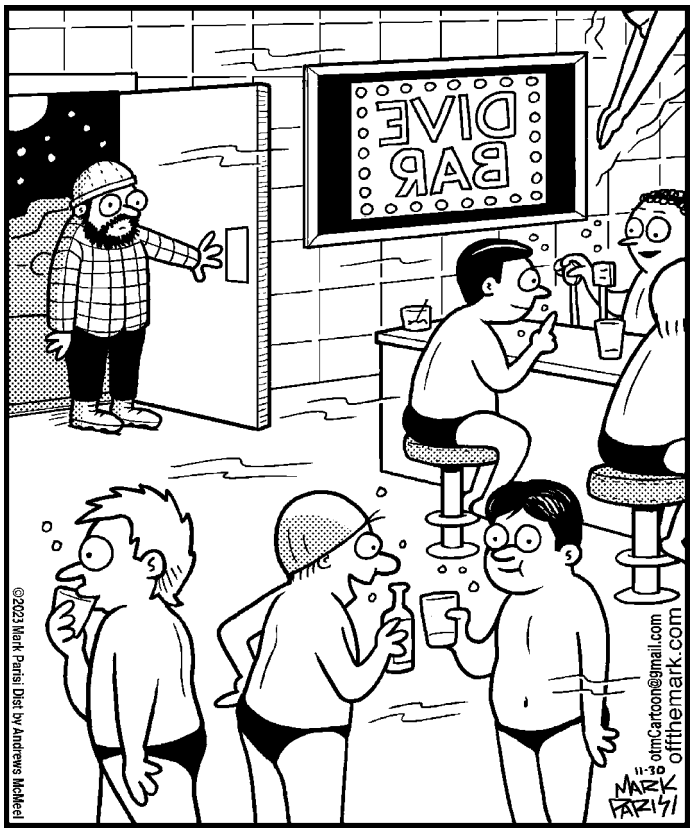
by Mark Parisi



Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	November 30	9:47	10:13	2:36	3:42
Friday	December 1	10:35	11:03	3:21	4:20
Saturday	December 2	11:23	11:53	4:06	5:03
Sunday	December 3		12:11	4:54	5:55
Monday	December 4	12:43	12:57	5:52	6:59
Tuesday	December 5	1:32	1:41	7:06	8:00
Wednesday	December 6	2:19	2:27	8:27	8:48
Thursday	December 7	3:09	3:18	9:31	9:30
Friday	December 8	3:59	4:12	10:22	10:09
Saturday	December 9	4:47	5:04	11:06	10:48
Sunday	December 10	5:32	5:51	11:47	11:27
Monday	December 11	6:15	6:36		12:29
Tuesday	December 12	6:58	7:22	12:08	1:13
Wednesday	December 13	7:44	8:09	12:52	1:59
Thursday	December 14	8:31	8:58	1:38	2:45
Friday	December 15	9:21	9:50	2:27	3:29
Saturday	December 16	10:14	10:46	3:17	4:15
Sunday	December 17	11:10	11:43	4:09	5:04

Phases of the Moon		
	Last Quarter	December 5th
	New Moon	December 12th
	First Quarter	December 19th
	Full Moon	December26th

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Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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3. Incite; 4. Legion

Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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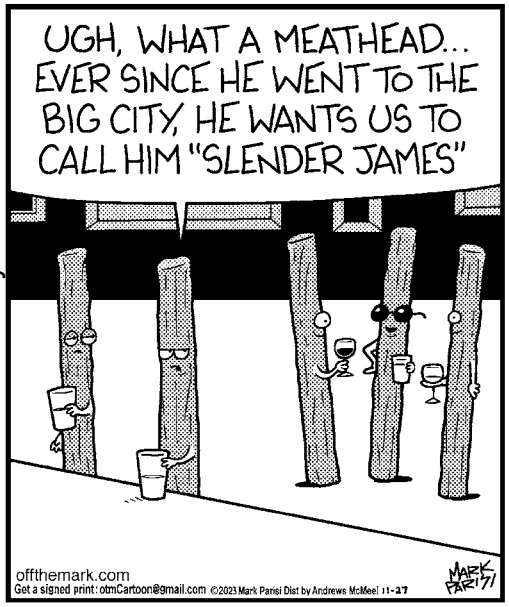
by Mark Parisi



Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, December 1 — Thursday, December 7, 2023

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–8pm

Grocery, Dairy, & Frozen

Post
13.5-16 oz. Selected
Selects or
Great Grains Cereal
$4.99

Green Mountain Creamery
5.3 oz. Selected
Greek Yogurt
4/$5

AriZona
11.5 oz. Cans, 12 Pack Selected
Drinks **$6.99**

Back to Nature - 4-8.5 oz. Selected
Crackers **$3.99**

DiBruno Bros. - 7.04 oz. Selected
Crackers **$2.99**

Newman's Own
15-24 oz. Selected (Excludes Organic)
Pasta Sauce **$3.39**

Kraft - 7.25 oz. Original
Mac & Cheese ..... **2/$3**

Kitchen Basics
32 oz. Selected (Excludes Organic)
Stock ..... **2/$5**

Mott's - 23-24 oz. Selected
Applesauce ..... **2/$5**

Morton - 26 oz. Plain or Iodized
Salt **$1.99**

Chocolove - 3.1-3.2 oz. Selected
Chocolate Bars ..... **2/$5**

Smucker's - 11.75-12.25 oz. Selected
(Excludes Peanut Butter)
Toppings ..... **2/$5**

Food Should Taste Good
5.5 oz. Selected
Tortilla Chips **$3.49**

Blue Diamond
4.25 oz. Selected
Nut-Thins **$2.99**

Bakery

Fresh Baked, 19 oz. Loaf
Italian Bread **$2.49**

Our Specialty Treat Shop
4-5.5 oz. Selected
Parfait Cups **$4.99**

Wine

R. Stuart & Co. Winery
750 ml Oregon
Pinot Gris
Wine
$18.99
Reg. Price: $19.99

Self-Serve Drinks Bar

Featuring MA based Fogbuster hot coffee & cold drinks on tap including:

- Organic juices
- Nitro brew coffee
- Cold brew coffee
- Unsweetened iced tea
- Hot Chocolate also available!

Meat, Deli, Prepared Foods & Cheese

Fresh
Pork Tenderloin
$3.99 lb

Kayem
12 oz. Pkg. Applewood or
Double Smoked
Small Batch
Bacon
$8.99

Boar's Head
Flame Grilled
FireSmith® Chicken ..... **$10.99 lb**

Boar's Head
American Cheese ..... **$6.99 lb**

Boar's Head
8 oz. Pkg. Vermont
Cheddar Cheese **$4.99**

Store Made
Tuna Salad ..... **$11.99 lb**

Store Packaged
Red Bliss Potato Salad ..... **$6.49 lb**

Store Packaged
Blueberry Crisp ..... **$10.99 lb**

President
8 oz. Pkg. Selected
Pub Cheese **$6.99**

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Why wait in line when you can order ahead online! Download the Chow Now app, order and pay online, and skip the line!

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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends'
Premium Certified
Black Angus, Boneless
Top Sirloin Steak
$8.99 lb

Store Baked
Ham
$8.99 lb

Fableist
750 ml California
Merlot
Wine
$16.99
Reg. Price: $17.99

Starbucks
10 ct. K-Cups or
12 oz. Bag Selected
Coffee
$9.99

Oui by Yoplait
5 oz. Selected
French Style Yogurt
4/$5

Food Club
12 oz. Selected
Vegetables
2/$3

Quality Produce

Pint Blueberries	$4.99
Sweet Honeycrisp Apples	$1.99 lb
Seedless Green Grapes	$2.99 lb
Great for Guacamole! Avocados	99¢ ea
Zesty Red Onions	99¢ lb
Hot House Tomatoes	$1.99 lb

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